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"(c) Individual assignment varies from ½ to 6½ acres.

"(d) Some Muslims have encroached on a small extent by trespass.

"(e) Action is being taken under the Land Encroachment Act to evict them.

"(f) There are 79 members of Scheduled Tribes who have occupied land without assignment being made in their favour. The land, being a large hill-block, the Revenue Inspectors and Taluk Surveyors found it difficult to subdivide the plot. The Government have therefore sanctioned a post of Special Surveyor exclusively for attending to this work. Assignments will be made as soon as the block is split up and the encroachers are evicted."

Channel from the North Bank Canal, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1065 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal with the Public Works Department River Conservancy, Tiruchirappalli district to investigate the possibility of taking a channel from the North Bank Canal at the point of off-take of the present Thottiam Chinnavoikkal;

(b) the stage at which the investigation of the said proposal stands; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take it up during the current year?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) The answer is in the negative.

"(b) & (c) Do not arise."

Harijan elementary schools in certain villages of South Kanara.

* 1066 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal to open Harijan Welfare elementary schools at (1) Panathur in Panathady village, (2) Chalangal in Pullur village and (3) Eleri in Eleri village; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter is?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The proposals have been deferred."

Return of the son of Syed Fazal to Malabar district.

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI C. AHMED KUTTI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government of India have sought the opinion of the State Government regarding the return of the son of Syed Fazal (heirs of Mampram Mosque and properties in Ernad taluk) to Malabar district, and if so, what was the reply given by the State Government?